SENATE BILL 1531

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 14 and Title 9, Chapter 4, relative to public defenders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-14-202, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(d) For each judicial district in which district public defenders are authorized, there shall be authorized the following number of assistant public defender positions:

Defender Positions 1
2 7 3 7 4 6 5 3
6 18
7 3
8 4
9 4
10 5
11 12
12 4
13 5
14 3 15 5 16 5
15 5
16 5
17 5
18 5
19 8 21 5
21 5 22 6
22 6 23 4
23 4 4
25 7
26 6
27 3
27 3 28 3 29 3 31 1
29 3
31 1

SECTION 2. It is the legislative intent to provide additional assistant public defender positions in both the 20th and 30th judicial districts in a manner consistent with the most current case weighting study as promulgated by the comptroller of the treasury. Funding for these positions shall be specifically authorized by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

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